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**THE INDEPENDENCE DAY HORROR AT KILLSBURY.** By Asenath Carver Coolidge. Watertown, N. Y.: Hunkerford-Holbrook Company. Cloth, 244 pages.

The Fourth of July, in all the cities of the nation, with its ripping fire-crackers, its ear-splitting cannon crackers, its execrable toy pistols, its furious dynamite hand-bombs, and what-not, has come to be a terror to all sensible people. Independence has descended about as low as it possibly could, to express itself in the frightful ways by which we are all tormented every Fourth of July. There is a growing detestation of the thing, but as yet nothing has been accomplished towards putting an end to it except in a few places. In fact, it grows more each year, with the invention of new explosives, and its list of dead and maimed annually increases. Miss Coolidge has attempted in this story to contribute her share of influence towards a reformed Fourth. She has filled her book with intense feeling on the subject, and makes her brave heroine refuse in the end to marry a man who cultivates pyrotechnics and helps thus to kill and cripple people on Independence Day. The story, though in Miss Coolidge's usual vein, is, we think, a decided improvement over her former productions.

**THE RECORDING ANGEL.** By Edwin Arnold Brenholtz. Chicago: Charles H. Kerr & Company. Cloth, 287 pages.

A powerful story of the wretched conditions into which many individuals and families are thrown by the economic machinery of the present day society. It is a novel with a purpose, and the reader will not have finished many pages before finding out what the purpose is, and then he will go on as fast as his eyes will carry him to the end of the book.

**SHAKERISM, ITS MEANING AND MESSAGE.** Prepared by Anna White and Leila S. Taylor of the North Family of Shakers, Mount Lebanon, N. Y.

Those who wish to know the real character of Shakerism as believed in and practiced in the Shaker communities will find this Historical Account of four hundred pages and more an excellent source to consult. People in general have only the vaguest and most confused and fanciful notions about these communities. This book will give those who wish to do so an opportunity to enlighten themselves.

**SOCIAL PROGRESS.** A Year Book and Encyclopedia of Economic, Industrial, Social and Religious Statistics. Edited by Dr. Josiah Strong. New York: The Baker & Taylor Company. Cloth, 349 pages.

This handbook of Social Progress for 1905 is a decided advance upon its predecessor in 1904. It will be found a most valuable book of reference for editors, teachers, preachers, students and others interested in the various social problems of the day.

### Pamphlets Received.

**THE HAGUE COURT AND VITAL INTERESTS.** By Sir Thomas Barclay. Reprinted from the "Law Quarterly Review," April, 1905. London: Stevens and Sons, 119 Chancery Lane, W. C.

**THE TRUTH ON THE CONGO FREE STATE.** Brussels: The Federation for the Defense of Belgian Interests Abroad, rue Ravenstein, 3.

**EL ARBITRAJE INTERNACIONAL EN FAVOR DE LA PAZ UNIVERSAL.** Boston: The Author, 7 Durham Street. A series of articles collected and translated into Spanish by Carolina Holman Huidobro.

**THE EVOLUTION OF SUFFRAGE.** By Frank J. Scott, Toledo, Ohio.

**INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.** By J. M. Clark, K. C., Toronto, Canada. A paper read before the Canadian Institute. Toronto: The Author.

**LES PACIFIQUES CHRETIENS.** By Paul Allegret, Havre, France, 19 Place de l'Hotel de Ville.

**L'INUTILITE DES GUERRES DEMONTREE PAR L'HISTOIRE.** By Elie Ducommun, Berne, Switzerland. Discourse pronounced before the Nobel Committee, Christiania, Norway, on May 16, 1904.

**THE EFFECTS OF WAR AND MILITARISM ON TRADE AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY.** Address by Sir Thomas Barclay before a Conference of Business Men, Manchester, England, March 28, 1905. Manchester, England: Manchester Auxiliary of the Peace Society, 9 Albert Square.

**KAISER WERDE MODERN.** Berlin W. 35 Verlag von Hupeden and Merzyn.

**DIE FRIEDENSBEWEGUNG: WHAT IT PROPOSES AND WHAT IT HAS ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED.** By A. H. Fried. Leipzig: Felix Dietrich.

**CATECHISME DE PROPAGANDE PACIFISTE.** By Gaston de Ray. Pärwels, Belgium: Philippe et Crunelle.

**OBSERVATIONS ON COMPULSORY ARBITRATION AND DISARMAMENT UNDER PENALTY OF NON-INTERCOURSE.** By William H. Blymyer. New York: The Author, 49 Wall Street.

**IL SENTIMENTO DELLA PACE IN F. PETRARCA.** By Attilio Rillosi. Mortara, Italy: A. Pagliarini.

**LA PAIX UNIVERSELLE PERMANENTE EST-ELLE REALISABLE?** By A. Jacobenro. Geneva, Switzerland: Ed. Pfeffer, 6 Boulevard Georges-Favon.

**REDE DES BARON D'ESTOURNELLES DE CONSTANT** in der Sitzung des Französischen Senats am 11 April, 1905. German edition of Baron d'Estournelles de Constant's speech in the French Senate on Limitation of Naval Expenses, of which twenty thousand copies have been distributed.

**CONGO NEWS LETTER.** Boston: The American Congo Reform Association, Tremont Temple.

**THE AIMS AND PROGRAM OF THE SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY.** Address by Right Hon. James Bryce, with first Annual Report and List of Members. London: The Sociological Society, 5 Old Queen Street, Westminster.

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